(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) TRAI while estimating the total amount of ADC has factored into the internal generation of ADC by the network of BSNL by taking into consideration the traffic generated form and to fixed services networks of BSNL and all operators.

Increase in the cost of rural telephony and P.C.O. call charges

928. SHRIMATI KAMALA MANHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone lines of Fixed Wireless Phones (FWPs) and PCO lines in rural areas are recognized as WLL (Mobile) phones thereby increasing the cost of rural telephony and PCO call charges;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details in this regard;

(c) what would be the impact of the recognition of FWPs as WLL (M) phones on national teledensity targets of 250 million by the year 2007; and

(d) whether DoT has drawn any estimations towards the same and in what manner Government plan to negotiate the impact of this change in policy conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In order to ensure that march of technology is not misused or abused by subscribers or service providers, it was clarified that the terminal used for fixed wireless services should be strictly confined to the premises of the subscriber where the telephone connection is registered and wherever such restriction cannot be imposed, it is to be treated as Limited Mobile feature for all purposes which *inter-alia* includes Numbering Plan, interconnection Usage Charges etc.

(c) No impact is expected on the national teledensity targets.

(d) No estimation towards the same has been done as it is to ensure

that nature and character of service is not changed by misusing the facilities provided by technology.

Complaints of misuse of FWP Telephones

929. SHRIMATI KAMALA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of subscribers of Fixed Wireless Phones (FWPs) as on 31st December, 2004 and the number of subscribers as on 26th August, 2005 when these phones were brought under the 'Limited Mobile' category;

(b) the number of complaints of misuse of FWP telephones received so far with the nature of complaints;

(c) whether Government have issued a generic directive treating FWP services as Limited Mobile Services without proper technical examination;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would reconsider its directives keeping in view that FWP phones and landline phones are identical, almost have equal weight etc. and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Total number of fixed wireless subscribers as on 31 st December 2004 as reported is 38,94,920. The number of such subscribers as on 31.07.2005 was reported as 59,74,079 while 62,95,382 such subscribers had been reported as on 31.08.2005. Details of subscribers on 26th August 2005 were not maintained.

(b) One complaint each against Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and twelve complaints against four Private operators were received regarding Fixed Wireless Phones (FWPs) being used as limited mobile phones therby avoiding statutory payments and disturbing level playing field.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) At present no proposal to reconsider the directive is under consideration as mobility is inherent in wireless systems.